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SUBJECT: ASEAN INVESTMENT MISSION

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1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED COPY OF PAMPHLET WHICH IS VERY TIMELY AND SHOULD BE USEFUL AS BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR INVESTMENT MISSION. "ASEAN DIMENSIONS OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH: THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE ASEAN AS AN INVESTMENT AREA," HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION (CRC), AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION, UNDER A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA). IT CONSISTS OF FIVE MEMORANDA COVERING ASEAN RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE, TRADE HISTORY AND PROSPECTS, FUTURE AS A MARKET, INVESTMENT PROSPECTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CORPORATE PLANNING. THE MEMORANDA COVER 32 PAGES, AND THERE ARE TWELVE ADDITIONAL PAGES OF STATISTICAL TABLES. THE AUTHORS CANDIDLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIFFICULTIES FACING ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, AND THE LIMITED UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT OF INTRA-ASEAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS IN THE PAST, BUT THE TONE IS DEFINITELY UPBEAT WITH RESPECT TO OUTSIDE INVESTORS.

2. WE HAVE CONTACTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CRC, WHO SAID THAT COPIES CAN BE OBTAINED FOR ABOUT 20 PESOS (\$2.75) EACH. AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, IT IS THE FIRST ATTEMPT

TO PUT TOGETHER AN INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET OF THIS SORT
WITH A REGIONAL RATHER THAN A STRICTLY NATIONAL FOCUS.

3. PLS. ADVISE IF YOU WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TO BUY COPIES &
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